

## **PDK Watch Newsletter, March, 1997**

### **February Meeting**

Acting Airport Director Bill Tudor and Noise Abatement Officer Jim DuGuay presented information and answered questions at the February 6 meeting of PDK Watch. PDK Watch was pleased to hear airport management emphasize that it does not get into policy since that is the responsibility of the county Board of Commissioners.

### **Airport Expansion?**

Despite a current county policy that there will be no expansion of the airport boundaries except for safety or noise abatement, there is reason to be concerned about “back door” expansion.

Property adjacent to the airport is being considered for development. If this property is acquired and an aviation related business is established, the next step could be a “through the fence” operation. This is when the business owner is allowed access to the airport property through the adjacent fence.

### **Next Meeting**

PDK Watch plans to meet April 3 at 7:30 PM at Shallowford Presbyterian Church on Shallowford Road between I-85 and Briarcliff Road. The focus of this meeting will be development on or near the airport. An invitation was issued to Mr. Beverly Lance to present his plans for developing property adjacent to PDK Airport. At “press time” no response had been received from Mr. Lance. If he does not attend on April 3, PDK Watch will renew its request for a later date.

### **Good Neighbor Policy**

JacqMarie Jack, Gale Walldorff's appointee to the Airport Advisory Board (AAB), has drafted a policy that includes informing neighborhoods about upcoming items on the agenda for AAB meetings. This is a welcomed effort to encourage a working association between the airport and surrounding neighborhoods. This policy will be discussed at the next AAB meeting on Wednesday, March 26, at 6:30 PM at PDK Airport. Citizens are invited to attend and are allowed to speak during public comment time.

### **Two Updates**

The cost/benefit study of PDK Airport by RKG Associates of Durham, NH, is underway and has a completion date of November 21, 1997.

Efforts are still being made to get an ordinance passed that assures citizens the airport will not become commercial.

## **Noise Abatement**

For noise complaints about traffic from PDK call the 770-936-5442.

To let county officials know when noise problems at PDK Airport have not been dealt with effectively, citizens are encouraged to call CEO Liane Levetan at 404-371-2881 with their complaints.

## **Please Copy and Distribute**

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## **Loss**

PDK Watch was deeply saddened by the sudden and untimely death of Doug Padgett. He had been actively involved in monitoring airport activities since the days of DECOR in the early '80s. Many will remember his role in the lawsuit brought by CARE NOW when the runway was extended. Doug's gentle manner and expertise will be greatly missed.

## **Support PDK Watch**

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